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### REMARKS

Pursuant to the above election, Claims 1-18 and 20-33 remain pending for consideration.

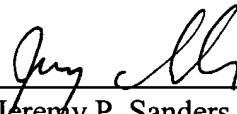
If any pending issues remain or if any issues require further clarification, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicant's representative at the number indicated below in order to promptly resolve such issues. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 29 August 2003

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